

"This open condemnation of the basis on which all the old slave-holding States have had their citizenship reconstructed is, in every sense, most astonishing. Is the conclusion to be logically carried out in all its consequences? If universal suffrage is a dead failure right under the nose of the Federal Government, in the living presence of the national representatives, with all the restraining and conservative influences of the entire National Administration, what is to be said of it in South Carolina and in Louisiana, and in every Southern State where it exists in a crude, raw, undisciplined and wholly unbalanced condition, without one single modifying or redeeming circumstance?"

CHARLIE ROSS.—Poor little Charlie Ross is not yet found. There can be hardly a doubt, from the story of the dying burglar Douglass, and the letters and statements of Inspector Walling, of New York, that Mosher and Douglass were the men who abducted him. Their detection and summary punishment, for breaking into the house of Judge Van Brunt, have almost certainly established that they were the guilty parties. We sincerely hope that the child may yet be recovered, but are apprehensive from the delay that he may have been foully dealt with. We have known nothing that has produced a profounder impression of indignation than this atrocious crime against an innocent boy, perpetrated from the basest motives of gain, or a deeper and more universal sorrow than that felt for the little victim himself.

THREATENED IMPEACHMENT OF AMES. The responsibility for the late tragedy at Vicksburg is now conclusively settled on Gov. Ames, of Mississippi. It is expected, in consequence of this shameful complicity in crime, that the leading issue in the elections next fall in that State will be his impeachment. The Mississippi people are sick of this Massachusetts carpet-bagger. His judicial appointments, his many jobs, and his fondness for corrupt officials, with whom he habitually and by preference consorts, have aroused a fierce public sentiment, which is not confined to party or race. Carry him back to Ben, Butler's room.

An Indian war is threatened in Dakota.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1874.

SENATE.

The House returned, with amendments, to the bill to make appropriations for the payment of the salary and mileage of the members of the General Assembly, and salaries of the subordinate officers and employees, and other expenses incidental thereto. The amendments were read, and matter discussed. Concurrent resolutions for appointment of committee of both Houses to consider and report what measures are necessary to be passed by the General Assembly; to direct Clerks of the two Houses to publish notices to holders of claims against the State to present the same for registration.

A message was received from the Governor, stating that he had approved an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act requiring a bond from County Commissioners before entering upon the duties of their office."

Mr. Myers, from Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as ready for a third reading, joint resolution to allow Mrs. Susan E. McIlwain to redeem certain forfeited lands; bill to alter and amend charter of Union Savings Bank of Columbia.

Mr. C. Smith introduced bill to amend an Act to regulate sale of intoxicating liquors, and to alter and amend law in relation thereto, so far as the same may relate to sale of cider.

Mr. Myers—Joint resolution providing for the extension of the time for the payment and collection of taxes for County of Colleton.

Mr. Jeter—Bill to require itinerant peddlars to take out licenses.

Mr. Hope introduced a resolution, that it be referred to the Committee on Education to thoroughly examine the free school laws, and recommend such amendments as will free them of unnecessary and expensive machinery, and such provisions as look to the payment of unpaid claims, and report as soon as possible. Ordered for future consideration.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the State Treasurer was requested to furnish Senate, immediately, information required of him relative to certain bonds funded under the funding Act of the last session.

Mr. White presented the report of the County Treasurer of York, relative to money paid out to widows and orphans of persons killed because of their political opinions. The amount was \$2,442, and was distributed among the families of five persons.

After consideration of general orders, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Simons, from Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, reported on petition of certain citizens of Lexington, for a public highway to be opened in said County, by a joint resolution authorizing and directing the County Commissioners of Lexington to lay out and to open a public highway in said County.

Mr. Spencer, from Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as duly and correctly engrossed for a third reading, joint resolution to allow the heirs of James S. and Langdon Bowie to redeem a store and lot in the city of Charleston, forfeited for non-payment of taxes; Senate bill to make appropriation for payment of salary and mileage of members of General Assembly, and salaries of subordinate officers and employees, and other expenses incidental thereto. Ordered to Senate.

Mr. Freeman, on behalf of Committee on Charitable and Religious Institutions, reported back a bill to renew the charter Board Directors Theological Seminary of Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. Ramsey, from Committee on Grievances, reported back bill to prohibit itinerant peddlars from peddling goods in this State, which was rejected.

Mr. Curtis presented accounts P. W. Kraft and others.

Mr. Giffin—Bill to amend Sections 55 and 56 of Chapter CXX of the General Statutes of South Carolina.

Mr. Freeman—Bill to amend Section 29, Chapter XXV, of Title VI, Part I, of the Revised Statutes of South Carolina, relating to fees of Trial Justices, Sheriffs and Constables; also introduced following concurrent resolution, which was ordered for future consideration: Whereas, it has been currently reported that grave irregularities have occurred in the management of the affairs of the Bank of the State since the appointment of the last Receiver; and whereas, said assets of the Bank of the State are a fund in equity, and the State responsible for its liabilities; that the Judge of the First Judicial Circuit is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a committee of five citizens of the city of Charleston to investigate the financial condition of the assets of the Bank of the State: *Provided*, That said committee shall receive no compensation for services rendered.

Mr. McLaughlin—Bill to incorporate the Charleston Turnpike Company.

Mr. Trenholm—Joint resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to allow interest on overdue State stock; bill to revive and renew the charter of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gaillard—Joint resolution to restore to Charleston Library Society title to certain lands forfeited for non-payment of taxes, and to declare the same free from taxation.

Mr. Russell—Bill requiring Trial Justices of Charleston County to pass an examination before entering upon the duties of their office, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. Coit—Bill to change the names of certain individuals therein mentioned.

Mr. Ferguson—Joint resolution to extend the time for the payment and collection of taxes in Greenville.

Mr. Thomas—Joint resolution providing for extension of time for payment and collection of taxes for Colleton.

Mr. Crittenden—Bill to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Greenville County to open and establish a public road in said County.

Mr. Boston introduced concurrent resolution, which was adopted and ordered to the Senate, that a committee of five on the part of the House and — on the part of Senate, be appointed to ascertain and report to the General Assembly what bills for the interest of the State and people are most important to be passed this session.

Mr. Henderson—Bill to exempt certain property from taxation, levy or sale, belonging to farmers in this State.

Mr. Bradley presented the report of Commissioners of Pickens County.

Mr. Woodruff—Bill to amend an Act for relief of widows and orphans of persons killed because of their political opinion, approved March 14, 1872.

Mr. Johnston—Bill to amend an Act to incorporate Sumter Academics Society.

Mr. Rice introduced a resolution, which was adopted, that Committee on Railroads inquire into the causes of noncivilized detention of passengers at Alston, and of the extortionate and discriminating charges on freights and produce below Alston; to report any possible remedial action by this Legislature.

Mr. Hirsch—Bill to prohibit the drawing of checks, drafts or orders on banks, bankers or factors by persons having no credit therewith.

Mr. Scott—Bill to amend Section 53 of Chapter CXX of Title IV of Part III of the General Statutes, relating to liens on crops.

Mr. Davis presented report of J. L. Watson, Treasurer of York County, as to disbursements under Act for relief of widows and orphans of those killed because of their political opinions.

A message was received from the Senate, refusing to concur in House amendment to bill to make appropriation for payment of salary and mileage of members General Assembly, etc. A committee of conference was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Hayne, Thomas, Simons, Connor and Humbert.

CITY MATTERS.—Subscribe for the PHOENIX—don't borrow.

Reading matter on every page. Transient advertisements and notices must be paid for in advance.

The Legislature takes a recess today until the 12th of January, 1875.

Call at Lorick & Lowrance's family grocery for your Christmas supplies.

Yesterday and to-day—December 20 and 21—are the shortest in the year.

Sunday was a muggy, rainy, blustering day; but yesterday made amends.

If you want a suitable article for a Christmas present, call at E. R. Stokes', and look at his fancy stock.

Lorick & Lowrance, near PHOENIX office, keep the best of groceries, wines, liquors, etc.

The first Tom and Jerry of the season was served up by Seegers' Henry on Saturday. He keeps the beverage constantly on hand.

What will it profit a man to fill his store chock full of Christmas goods, if he fails to advertise the same in the PHOENIX?

Old type metal, at 25 cents a pound, can be obtained at the PHOENIX office, for small quantities; 20 cents by the 100 pounds—delivered at the depot.

English walnuts, almonds, pecans, hazel nuts and Brazil nuts, in great abundance, for sale by John Agnew & Son.

Job printing of every kind, from a miniature visiting card to a four-sheet poster, turned out, at short notice, from PHOENIX office. Try us.

Messrs. Kinnard & Wiley have issued an almanac for 1875; also, a comic illustrated paper. Patrons and outsiders can obtain copies by calling.

Messrs. R. & W. C. Swaffield tell the good people where useful presents can be obtained. Those liberally inclined will bear in mind.

Mr. D. Epstein, the renowned clothier, is running off his goods at satisfactory figures. He keeps common as well as fine articles, for large and small folks.

Notices in the local column are charged for at the rate of fifteen cents a line, for nine lines or more. Less than that space, \$1. All local reference to advertisements, charged for.

Gov. Chamberlain very properly revoked the appointment of a Notary Public for Edgefield, when he found the appointee could not write, but signed his name with an X.

Mistletoe in unlimited quantities can be obtained from the oak trees in and around Columbia; while moss and holly predominate on the Lexington side of the river—necessaries for Christmas decorations.

The Independent Steam Fire Company paraded, yesterday afternoon, to bury a deceased member—Mr. W. K. Evans. Poor Billy—he has been a sufferer for many months, and his death has been long looked for.

Choice cigars and tobacco at Columbia Hotel Cigar Store.

The choicest brands of imported and California champagnes can be found in great abundance at the store of John Agnew & Son.

Camel's hair cloths, worth 50 cents a yard to import, are being offered at W. D. Love & Co.'s at 25 cents. The cheapest goods, the ladies say, ever sold in this market.

If you really desire a good picture, call at Reckling's photograph gallery. Those who have never had a good picture, would do well to call. Satisfaction guaranteed, or no money asked.

Since W. D. Love & Co. received those unprecedented bargains from New York bankrupt stocks, and marked down their regular goods, the rush, we understand, has been so great that they have not been able to wait on the customers.

At the regular communication of Columbia Lodge, No. 108, A. F. M., held last evening, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year: H. Noah, W. M.; J. Goldsmith, S. W.; H. Steel, J. W.; D. Goodman, Treas.; Past Master Z. P. Moses, Sec.

At a regular meeting of Gaza Lodge, I. O. B. B., held December 20, 1874, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing term: D. Goodman, President; H. Noah, Vice-President; D. Epstein, Treasurer; J. Sulzbacher, R. and F. Secretary; B. Berman, A. M.; J. B. Pollock, I. G.; J. David, O. G.

Our young friend, Thomas M. Wilkes, Esq., of this city, was married on Wednesday, 18th instant, to Miss E. E. Murray, of Lincoln County, Ga. We congratulate him upon taking this important step. It is not good for man to be alone. We invoke for the happy couple all the happiness and prosperity their hearts can desire.

To be truly happy, and to enjoy those inestimable benefits derived from a condition of good health at this Christmas season, you must prepare yourself and be in good order. Have a good appetite, a good digestion, a clear conscience, be well, do well, act well, take Heinich's Blood and Liver Pills, and such other remedies as he may have to relieve you. See his advertisement.

The famous George L. Fox, the original "Humpty Dumpty," performed last night in Augusta. We should like, of all things, to see it played here. Whoever attends to our amusements, will please use every effort to have this side-splitting pantomime presented in Columbia. We are tired of the stunning wonderful prima donnas. Give us something funny—something laughter-provoking—and you shall have a good house and our best thanks.

APPOINTMENTS.—Gov. Chamberlain made the following appointments yesterday:

County Treasurers—Barnwell, John O. Downing; Richland, George A. Darling, vice J. L. Neagle removed. Auditors—Barnwell, Abram Knoff, vice W. D. Duncan, term expired; Richland, A. L. Solomon. Trial Justices—Charleston, John C. Driggers; Richland, J. Q. Marshall, vice W. B. Nash, resigned. Orangeburg, R. T. Danerly, J. P. M. Fournes, J. H. Fordham, W. H. Girardeau, W. H. Reed, H. P. Cooke, P. M. Genual, W. J. Westbury, J. D. Palmer, E. A. Webster. He also removed J. L. Neagle, Director State Penitentiary. Trial Justices—Orangeburg, J. P. Mays, J. L. West, W. C. Reeves, B. G. Frederick, J. J. Mitchell, W. D. Mount, J. H. Phillips, A. F. Browning, J. H. Wablers.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.—Christmas is three days off. Next Friday the little ones will realize their bright hopes, so long entertained, of the visit of St. Nicholas, or Kris Kringle, or by whatever of the numerous aliases that patron saint of good children is known in the various households. It is a day, too, when children of a larger growth are accustomed to exchange testimonials of friendship, and would feel it to be no Christmas at all if the immemorial custom were omitted. Of all the holidays in the year this is the one which no man who is not a more hopeless churl than Scrooge, in Dickens' "Christmas Chimes," can afford to neglect. There are many, by the way, who think the "Christmas Chimes" the best thing Dickens ever wrote, and as a heart opener for the Queen of the Festivals we recommend any of our readers whose sensibilities may be rendered frigid by the apprehensions of hard times, to get that little Christmas gem and let it cast its reviving light upon their disconsolate spirits. We apprehend, however, that there are not many whose feelings or memories will need to be refreshed as to keeping up the time-honored holiday.

HAVE WE ANY VACANT LOTS TO SELL?—On last Thursday, Atlanta sold a vacant lot, of nearly one acre of ground, in the centre of the city, for a fraction over \$60,000. Although much below the amount realized for similarly located property four years ago, the prevailing impression is that, considering the scarcity of money and the depressed condition of trade, the property brought a fair price. The proceeds are to be appropriated to the payment of the floating debt of the city. Have we any land well situated in Columbia, belonging to the city, that could be put to similar good use? Some mode of extrication from the toils of our enormous, increasing and oppressive city debt ought to be devised, whenever it is correctly ascertained, and the false and fraudulent separated from the valid and genuine.

THE ORPHANS.—Christmas is at hand. Times are hard. Business dull. Trade not brisk. But everybody counts upon having a good time, by hook or by crook, on Christmas day. It would greatly add to our enjoyment of egg-nog and turkey on that day, if we should see to it that the little orphans are also comfortably provided with a good dinner. Contributions of twenty-five cents, each person, will secure it. Santa Claus visits only those who can remunerate him. We hope that these children of bereavement will not be forgotten, and that contributions will at once be made for their thorough enjoyment of Christmas.

THE NEW POSTAGE LAW.—On the first of January, 1875, the new postage law—requiring pre-payment at the office of publication for all papers sent outside of the County—goes into effect. Residents of Richland County receive their papers free of postage. Subscribers to the DAILY PHOENIX will, therefore, enclose the postage with their subscription, which will be as follows: One year, 50 cents; six months, 25 cents; three months, 15 cents; one month, 10 cents. **TURKEYS.** one year, 30 cents; six months, 15 cents; three months, 10 cents. **WEEKLY GLEANER,** one year, 20 cents; six months, 10 cents; three months, 5 cents. Where the postage is not sent with the subscription, the time will be shortened to that extent. The new rates of postage are less than half of the old.

IF YOU PLEASE.—The Mayor of Charleston has issued a proclamation forbidding the firing of equibs, guns, pistols, &c., in the public thoroughfares, during the approaching holidays, and designates certain localities where such amusements will be permitted. We take the liberty of suggesting to Mayor Alexander that he follow this good example in Columbia. For several years, Christmas, New Year and the Fourth of July have been made hideous in this city by turbulent noises of vile instruments, horns and the like, and unearthly yells and screams, not to speak of the shocks to delicate nerves from the crackers, guns, &c., exploded in the most public places. The drunkenness and profanity allowed on the streets at these seasons have made them revolting saturnalia, rather than the delightful, festive and joyous occasions they ought to be. Murders have been committed at these times, too. All this uproar, coarseness, license and crime could be prevented by an order from the Mayor, which would at least limit it to some more appropriate haunts, and by promptness, vigilance and sobriety on the part of the city police. We respectfully ask the Mayor to put a stop to this public disorder.

A NEW AND USEFUL INVENTION.—We have examined a new and useful invention—an improved nutmeg-grater—for which Messrs. H. D. Brien & Co., of Atlanta, Ga., are the general agents. It is simple, cheap and effective. There is no waste, as the smallest piece is consumed. State and County rights are offered for sale. One of the firm can be seen at the Washington House, corner of Gervais and Assembly streets, for a few days; after that, at Atlanta, Ga.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—Northern mail opens 6.30 A. M., 3 P. M.; closes 11 A. M., 6 P. M. Charleston opens 8 A. M., 5.30 P. M.; closes 8 A. M., 6 P. M. Western opens 6 A. M., 1 P. M.; closes 6, 1.30 P. M. Greenville opens 6.45 P. M.; closes 6 A. M. Wilmington opens 4 P. M.; closes 10.30 A. M. On Sunday open from 2.30 to 3.30 P. M.

Apple butter, peach butter, plum butter, raspberry butter, and every other kind of butter, (except suet), can always be obtained from Hardy Solomon.

Best laundry soaps for sale by John Agnew & Son, at reduced prices.

Buy your cigars at the Columbia Hotel Cigar Store.

Fresh pearl grits and hotted meal for sale at the store of John Agnew & Son.

Go to Fine's saloon to get the finest oysters in town.

John Agnew & Son sell choice New Orleans syrup at reduced prices.

All the choice brands of tobacco kept at Columbia Hotel Cigar Store.

Crackers—eating and fire—can be obtained at Hardy Solomon's grocery.

Best of cigars at Columbia Hotel Cigar Store.

Fine Norfolk oysters at Fine's saloon.

Anything and everything in the grocery line at Hardy Solomon's.

Choice brands of champagne and other wines at Hardy Solomon's.

Buy canned gumbo from John Agnew & Son, and enjoy a plate of nice okra soup.

The Grainger is the best 5 cent cigar. It is sold only at the Indian Squaw Cigar Store.

If you want Christmas groceries, go to Hardy Solomon's family grocery, Columbia Hotel Row.

Buy your Christmas goods from John Agnew & Son. Their stock of groceries and hardware is unrivaled.

Buy your Christmas goods at the store of John Agnew & Son, and save your money. "Economy is wealth."

Promptness and attention are the rules at Hardy Solomon's grocery establishment.

Give Hardy Solomon a trial, if you want anything in the grocery line. His stock is fresh.

The boot and shoe stock at Love & Co.'s exceeds anything in style and price we have seen.

Brandy, fruits, preserves, jellies, jams, etc., at Hardy Solomon's grocery.

A splendid line of holiday goods and Christmas gifts at W. D. Love & Co.'s at half price. Go and see them.

All the necessities for compounding egg-nog can be obtained at Hardy Solomon's.

Be sure and call early at W. D. Love & Co.'s. Never were such bargains offered as they are giving to their customers now.

Hardy Solomon keeps the largest collection of groceries of every kind to be found in the city. Examine them.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. S. Pope—Turkeys for sale.

C. J. Iredell—Notice.

W. B. Stanley—Holiday Goods.

R. C. Shiver & Co.—Shoes.

Capital Building and Loan Ass'n.

R. & W. C. Swaffield—New Goods.

Meeting Eutaw Encampment.

E. H. Heinich—Medicine.

C. J. Laury—Auction Sale.

Extra Communication Acacia Lodge.

A. Crawford, Jr.—Acacia Lodge.

C. Hamberg—Eggs.

Richland Volunteer Rifle Company.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, DECEMBER 22.—

Mansion House—L. E. LeConte, Andrew Crawford, city; J. P. Phillips, W. H. Limbeck, Ninety-Six; J. C. F. Sims, Richland; G. T. Reed, Cokesbury; J. S. Bowers, Newberry; G. M. Wilson, Charleston; D. Johnson, Jr., Union; A. E. Blitch, Alston; J. Coates, city; E. T. Woodward, G. & R. L.

Hendrix House—M. Robinson, E. M. Wrenn, S. Robertson, Md; W. King, Charleston; D. H. Sanders, A. K. Sanders, John Furman, Mrs. J. Furman, Miss K. Furman, Master J. Furman, Sumter; S. M. Pearson, Orangeburg; B. J. Singleton, Newberry; B. Holmes, Gai; W. H. Jones, R. S. Heriots, Sumter; J. Buzzard, Newberry; W. S. Smith, W. J. Edge, W. M. English, M. W. Edge, Fish Dam; J. K. Cook, Fairfield; J. M. Kirkland, Alston.

It is strange that a phase in the President's message which, if applied to almost any other country than Spain, would likely have produced war, has been passed over with but little comment. Referring to the insurrection in Cuba, he said that if the state of affairs now existing continued it would likely make "some positive steps on the part of other powers a matter of self-necessity." The sentence is a silly one, to say the least of it. How could a little insurrection in Cuba make "positive steps on the part of other governments a matter of self-necessity?" The existence of the United States is certainly not involved in the petty broil, and we know of no other power that is any way imperiled by it. The allusion, however, had the effect of exciting bad feeling in Madrid, which may result in delaying the payment of our so-called claims. Spain cannot, of course, go to war with a foreign power now, and she may be insulted with impunity by any bully who chooses to take advantage of her weakness.

Cheering. The New York Times says: It seems to be the general opinion of our tradespeople that a better time of year than that which is now going on. The influences of the Christmas season are opening the hearts and pockets of all classes, and for the present stagnation in trade has disappeared, we hope not to return.